

SENATE BILL 22

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By: **Senator Benson**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Interagency Council on Homelessness – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness;
4 increasing the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the
5 State engaged in homeless advocacy; making a stylistic change; and generally
6 relating to the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Human Services

9 Section 6–418

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Human Services

14 Section 6–419

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Human Services**

20 6–418.

21 There is an Interagency Council on Homelessness.

22 6–419.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The Council consists of the following members:

2 (1) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

3 (2) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
5 designee;

6 (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
7 Secretary's designee;

8 (5) the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's
10 designee;

11 (7) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
12 Secretary's designee;

13 (8) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
14 designee;

15 (9) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (10) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (11) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee; and

18 (12) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

19 (i) one representative of the Governor's Office for Children;

20 (ii) three representatives of local Continuums of Care;

21 (iii) [six] NINE representatives from diverse geographical regions of
22 the State engaged in homeless advocacy with a focus on housing, employment, and access
23 to [healthcare] HEALTH CARE; and

24 (iv) one community representative who has personally experienced
25 homelessness.

26 (b) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
28 1, 2016.